Tri-Party Agreement

UNDERSTANDING TO DEVELOP AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE OR TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REGARDING NEGOTIATION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER REVISIONS

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), hereinafter referred to as the Parties, agree that there is a need to enter into formal negotiations and establish revisions to the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO) Appendix D (Work Schedule Milestones and Target Dates Including Lead Regulatory Agency) to address milestones and/or target dates within milestone series M-015, M-016, M-037, and M-085.

Upon signing this letter by all three Parties and throughout the pendency of these negotiations, the Parties agree that there shall be a day for day extension in the due date for any of the milestones in the milestone series covered by this agreement, analogous to the relief granted in HFFACO Article VIII.30 and Article XVI.59, to remain in effect until the agreed upon revisions to the affected milestones are incorporated into HFFACO.

Furthermore, the Parties will be developing an Agreement in Principle or Tentative Agreement to identify the revised milestones to be incorporated into HFFACO.

DOE shall initiate negotiations with EPA and Ecology no later than two weeks after the date this agreement has been signed by all three Parties. The Parties anticipate that an Agreement in Principle or Tentative Agreement will be developed within 60 calendar days from the date that this agreement has been signed by all three Parties.

The signatures below represent the acceptance of DOE, EPA, and Ecology to this agreement.

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